

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Pat Rocha. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Pat Rocha, Board President, Mrs. Crickett Brinkman, Mrs. Loretta Rose, Mrs. Linetta Borrelli. Mr. Longoria was absent.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Regarding student discipline Case #2014/15-12, Mrs. Rose made a motion to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0. Regarding Certificated Employee Evaluations, the Board took action in a Roll Call vote (5-0) on Resolution No. 2014/15-07 not to re-elect employee #825 for the 2015/16 school year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Estes said that the presentation from the National Council of Negro Women will be postponed until the March Board meeting. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Craig Christensen brought some equipment to be used by the girls' softball team and the GUSD baseball program. Dr. Estes and Board members thanked Mr. Christensen for his generosity in loaning the equipment to the District.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Report -- GHS Student Representative Simranjit Kaur gave her report to the Board on activities at Gustine High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Longoria acknowledged the donations from Leonard Gomes & Sons Dairy (\$120 for Girls Soccer balls), and from the Westside Auto Club (\$300 for Girls soccer). Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

INFORMATION

A. General Obligation Bond Analysis – Dr. Estes presented some information on the General Obligation Bond Process and the timeline for receiving the funds.

B. Superintendent’s Comments – Dr. Estes announced that he will not be renewing his contract with GUSD for a third year and will be leaving his position as Superintendent in June 2015. He said that he has enjoyed working with everyone in the District and appreciates all of the support he has received.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rose suggested that warrant PV 150156 to Mrs. Borrelli be voted on separately. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, removing #PV 150156, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve warrant #PV 150156, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, (Mrs. Borrelli abstained).

B. GHS Band Uniforms – Dr. Estes said that the Band Boosters would be required to raise money over the next 24 months to help pay for the uniforms . They were able to get the price down to around \$40,000.00. This was accomplished by purchasing the uniforms from two different companies and mix/matching the apparel. Dr. Estes advised that Lottery money from the 2015-2016 allocation would be used for the purchase. Staff would like the Band Boosters and the GHS school site to contribute \$2,500.00 each over the next 24 months to make the purchase a joint effort. Mr. Longoria made a motion to purchase 80 new band uniforms for the GHS Band, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Change in High School Graduation Requirements – Mrs. Hellner said that the high school administration recommends increasing the math graduation requirement to 3 years. We also would eliminate Math Essentials and keep Personal Financial Literacy as a 12th grade elective course. In place of Math Essentials we would add a course to be taken by 11th graders who do not want to advance to Integrated III or passed Integrated II with a “D”. This course would be a curriculum drawing from units in both Integrated I and II that students historically have difficulty understanding while slowly introducing beginning Integrated III units. This would ensure that all 11th graders are enrolled in a math class prior to the Smarter Balance Testing yet provide an avenue for the struggling student to be successful. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the change in the High School Graduation Requirements as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Resolution #2014/15-06, Establishing Building Fund for Bond Proceeds – Dr. Estes said the Board is being asked to authorize the setting up of Fund 21 for the purposes of tracking the Measure P School Bond Projects. This is the first order of business for the Business Office. At the March Board Meeting, Dr. Estes and Jon Isom will have a recommendation for a cash flow plan and the sale of the first series of bonds (Series A). Mrs. Rose made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Brinkman, aye; Mrs. Rose, aye; Mrs. Borrelli, aye; Mr. Longoria, aye; Mrs. Rocha, aye. Resolution passed, 5-0.

E. Board 2015 Meeting Calendar Revision -- The 2015 Regular Board Meeting Calendar was approved in January 2015. However, the November Board meeting date falls on November 11th, the Veteran's Day holiday. Dr. Estes suggested that the Board select an alternate date for the November Board Meeting. Thursday, November 12th was the date selected. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the date of November 12, 2015, to hold the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Provisional Intern Permit -- Heather Brooks (PIP) – Dr. Estes advised that the necessary paperwork will be submitted to Merced County Office of Education/Credentialing Office requesting a Variable Term Waiver (PIP), for Heather Brooks, Special Ed Teacher (RSP), Grade 6-8, Gustine Middle School.

The District conducted extensive advertising in an effort to fill this position. Since the individual selected has not fully completed her full credential, the District is required to submit this paperwork to the county. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Provisional Intern Permit as requested for Heather Brooks, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Purchase of Leased Portable Classrooms – Dr. Estes said that the District has been paying lease payments on these buildings since 2007 (14,000.00 annually). He has negotiated to receive some credit back for the payments already made by the District. Two new buildings of these types would cost the district between \$37,000 -- \$43,000 each. There are two other buildings that are leased through Williams-Scotsman & Company and a recommendation for the possible purchase of these buildings will be addressed at a future meeting. Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to approve the purchase of the leased portable classrooms, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. Curriculum Purchase for GHS – Dr. Estes presented information outlining the Read 180 Next Generation scholastic purchase for Gustine High School. Board approval is required on amounts over \$5,000. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the curriculum purchase for GHS in the amount of \$36,265, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Board Policy Updates -- CSBA has provided updates to Board Policies from October 2014 through the Manual Maintenance Service Checklist. Once approved by the Board, CSBA will return a paper copy for inclusion in the hard-copy manual and will post the updates on GAMUT Online, available from the District's website. Policies to be updated are BP 1312.3/AR 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP 5131.2, Bullying; BP 5145.3, Nondiscrimination, Harassment; BP 5145.7/AR 5145.7, Sexual Harassment. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Board Policy Updates as presented, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

BOARD REPORTS

A. Board Reports – Board members reported on their activities and the events they attended throughout the month. Mrs. Brinkman said she attended Board meetings, Special Board Meetings and she attended the GES Scholarship awards. She went to the FFA Dinner Dance as well as the City/County Relations Dinner at the Al Goman Center. She attended the Merced CTA Banquet and the High School Rally honoring Armed Services where she was a judge for the floats. Mrs. Brinkman also said she plans to visit Romero Elementary and the Middle School in the weeks ahead. Mrs. Rose said that she attended the Merced CTA dinner, the City/County

Relations Dinner, the FFA Dinner Dance and visited the school sites. She is working on the Merced County School Board Associations Spring Dinner to be held at GMS. Mrs. Borrelli said she went to the FFA Dinner Dance and then her planned vacation from which she just returned. Mr. Longoria attended the Special Meeting on January 21st, the FFA Dinner Dance. Mrs. Rocha attended the FFA Dinner Dance, the City/County Dinner, the CTA Dinner in Merced. She will be attending the Redskin Community Forum on February 12th at the GHS Auditorium at 6:00 clock and encouraged people to attend.

B. Staff Reports – Site Principals provided information about their respective sites and highlighted upcoming events and student activities/awards.

D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Estes presented his summary of activities and meetings completed on behalf of the District.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Regular Board Meeting, March 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
- B. Financial Workshop and Board Protocol Binder Study Session, February 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
- C. Jr. High and High School Graduation Requirements – March 11th Meeting
- D. Opportunity Class for Non-Graduates of GMS – March 11th Meeting
- E. Bond Meeting, Jon Isom, March 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:35 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10: 05 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Lettie Borrelli, Clerk
